



MetroAccess Service on Inauguration Weekend

Record crowds are expected in the Washington region for the four-day weekend starting January 17 leading up to the Inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Although the Obama Presidential Inauguration Committee is making every effort to ensure that this historic event is accessible to everyone, there are a number of security and environmental restrictions that will severely limit Metro's ability to operate service.

On January 19 and 20, MetroAccess vehicles will not be able to service Inauguration venues and many locations will not be serviceable with door-to-door service. The entire MetroAccess service area is likely to be impacted by heavy traffic conditions throughout the weekend as visitors arrive and preparations for the Inauguration take place. MetroAccess customers are likely to experience long delays throughout the weekend. Customers traveling to the Inauguration should be prepared for extremely crowded conditions in the streets and sidewalks in downtown Washington, D.C. It is likely that all people attending the event will be required to walk several blocks due to extensive street closures. Restroom facilities will

be extremely limited with millions of people expected to attend the event and there will be very few portable accessible restrooms available. It will be extremely difficult for MetroAccess drivers to meet customers at many prescheduled pick up and drop off locations in the District of Columbia. All customers are advised that they should give careful consideration to these conditions, and if they have any concern about being able to navigate or endure these conditions, they should avoid traveling into downtown Washington on these days.

MetroAccess subscription trips are cancelled, and all other trip reservations for the entire weekend (January 17-20) are subject to cancellation if Metro determines that the trip would require MetroAccess to enter restricted or otherwise unserviceable locations.

To find out the latest information about Metro's service plans for Inauguration weekend, visit www.wmata.com or sign up to receive eAlerts about any service changes that may arise during the course of the weekend at www.wmata.com/rider_tools/ealerts.